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**REPRESENTATIVE SCHAKOWSKY SUBMITS CONGRESSIONAL RECORD STATEMENT
IN HONOR OF CASIMIR PULASKI**

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the millions of Polish Americans, the city of Chicago, the people of Illinois and citizens of our nation, I rise today in honor of Casimir Pulaski, a patriot and military hero and the Father of the American Cavalry.

While countless words have been spoken and many volumes have been written about Casimir Pulaski's life, I believe his contributions to his native home and his bravery on behalf of his adopted land are immeasurable.

Casimir Pulaski was born on March 4, 1747 in Warka, Poland. He was a valiant fighter during Poland's war of independence from Russia. But for his distinguished service toward freedom and independence on behalf of his people and his beloved Poland, he was forced to flee and became an exile.

He remained a voice for just causes and an unwavering spirit for freedom. That is why he joined in America's struggle against the colonists and fought along side General George Washington during the Revolutionary War. He was named brigadier general and the first commander of the American cavalry. For his bravery and service, he was bestowed, and rightly so, the title of "Father of the American Cavalry."

He paid the ultimate price for his convictions and was fatally wounded during the Battle of Savannah.

Casimir Pulaski is an American hero, who fought for freedom, with honor and courage. As we commemorate this legend, I also wish to recognize the countless accomplishments and great contributions of Polish Americans to our nation.